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Signature: George Ford**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Tuthill )

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of the statutory period for response to the Final Rejection and Advisory Action dated May 30, 2003 and September 24, 2003. Please deduct necessary fees from Deposit Account 03-0172. Please treat this letter as a request for any other necessary extensions and as authorization to charge our deposit account 03-0172 for any additional fees. A duplicate of this document is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 11/17/03

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